



Biography

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Senior Master Sergeant Byron E. Pitcher



Senior Master Sergeant Byron E. Pitcher is the Superintendent, 437th Operations Group, Air Mobility Command, Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina. In this position, Sergeant Pitcher's responsibilities include advising the Operations Group Commander on enlisted matters of four C-17A squadrons, and an operations support squadron.

Sergeant Pitcher was born in Damariscotta, Maine and entered the Air Force in August 1980. After completion of basic training he graduated from the Plumbing Specialist Course at Sheppard AFB, Texas in November 1980. He was then assigned as a Plumbing Specialist to the 86th Civil Engineering Squadron at Ramstein AB, Germany, and in 1983, to the 76th Civil Engineering Squadron at Andrews AFB Maryland. In 1984 Sergeant Pitcher applied for retraining to the Aircraft Loadmaster Specialty under the CAREERS program and graduated the C-

141B Loadmaster Qualification course in October 1984, at Altus AFB, OK. Sergeant Pitcher was then assigned to McChord AFB, WA, where he served as an Airdrop Loadmaster in the 8th Military Airlift Squadron, a Joint Airdrop Inspector in the 7th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, Instructor Loadmaster, and Superintendent of Training and Tactics in the 36th Airlift Squadron. In 1993 Sergeant Pitcher was selected for the Initial Cadre of the first operational C-17 unit in the Air Force and assigned to the 17th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC. Sergeant Pitcher served as Chief of Loadmaster Standardization/Evaluation in the 17th Airlift Squadron and moved to the 437th Operations Group as Chief Group Standardization/Evaluation Loadmaster in 1997. In 1998 Sergeant Pitcher was assigned to Boeing Long Beach, CA, as the C-17A Chief Acceptance Loadmaster, Defense Contract Management Agency.

In 2001, Sergeant Pitcher moved to his current assignment at Charleston AFB, South Carolina as 15th Airlift Squadron Chief Loadmaster. He assumed his current duties as the Operations Group Superintendent in June 2002.

Sergeant Pitcher is married, and resides with his wife Susan, in North Charleston, South Carolina.

EDUCATION:

1983 - NCO Preparatory Class, Andrews AFB, MD

1986 - NCO Leadership School, Ellsworth AFB, SD

1994 - John Levitow Honor Graduate, NCO Academy, Robins AFB, GA

1999 - CCAF Associates Degree – Aircrew Operations

2001 - SNCO Academy, Gunter AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1980 – 1982 Plumbing Specialist, 86th Civil Engineering Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany

1982 – 1984 Plumbing Specialist, 76th Civil Engineering Squadron, Andrews AFB, MD

1984 – 1989 C-141B Airdrop Loadmaster, 8th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, WA

1989 – 1992 Aerial Delivery Loadmaster, 7th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, McChord AFB, WA

1992 – 1993 Superintendent of Training and Tactics, 36th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, WA
1993 – 1997 C-17 Initial Cadre, Chief Stan/Eval Loadmaster, 17th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC
1997 – 1998 Chief Group Stan/Eval Loadmaster, 437th Operations Group, Charleston AFB, SC
1998 – 2001 Chief C-17A Acceptance Loadmaster DCMC, Boeing, Long Beach, CA

2001 – 2002 Chief Loadmaster, 15th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC
2002 – Present: Operations Group Superintendent, 437th Operations Group, Charleston AFB, SC

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
National Defense Service Medal with one device
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal with two devices

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Airman Basic – 4 Aug 80
Airman - 4 Feb 81
Airman First Class – 4 Nov 81
Senior Airman – 4 Aug 83
Sergeant – 4 Aug 84
Staff Sergeant – 1 Jan 85
Technical Sergeant – 1 Sep 92
Master Sergeant – 1 Apr 97
Senior Master Sergeant – 1 Dec 2001

(Current as of Apr 03)